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EDITOR'S SPECIAL NOTICE

This week's bulletin was sent out earlier than normal to accommodate the late CQ 160m CW Contest announcements. Also, we wanted to provide the readers with a consolidated listing of the CQ 160m CW Contest participants

DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT

According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Saturday, 18th-January, through Friday, 24th-January there were 221 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3V, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4X, 5A, 5B, 5N, 5R, 5W, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7X, 8P, 8Q, 9A, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9L, 9M2, 9M6, 9Q, 9U, 9V, 9X, 9Y, A2, A4, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C2, C3, C5, C6, C9, CE, CE0Y, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, D4, DL, DU, E5/s, E6, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EP, ER, ES, EU, EX, EY, F, FG, FH, FJ, FK, FM, FO, FP, FR, FS, FW, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HH, HI, HK, HL, HP, HR, HS, HV, HZ, I, IS, J2, J3, J6, J7, J8, JA, JD/o, JT, JW, JX, JY, K, KG4, KH0, KH2, KH6, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ4, PJ7, PY, PY0F, PZ, S5, S7, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T33, T7, TA, TF, TG, TI, TJ, TK, TL, TR, TY, TZ, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V3, V4, V5, V6, V7, V8, VE, VK, VK9N, VP2E, VP2M, VP6, VP8, VP8/h, VP9, VR, VU, XE, XT, XU, XW, YA, YB, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z3, Z8, ZA, ZB, ZD7, ZD8, ZD9, ZF, ZL, ZP, ZS, ZS8

PLEASE NOTE: The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations or more likely a "BUSTED CALLSIGN". As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later".

3V, TUNISIA

SWL Ashraf "Ash", 3V4-002 (KF5EYY), will be active as 3V8BB from the "Institute Superieur de L'Animation Pour la Jeunesse et la Culture" in Tunis, during the CQ 160-Meter CW Contest (January 24-26th) as a Single-Op/Low-Power entry. QSL via LoTW or to LX1NO. Read about Ashraf on the following Web page at:

http://www.kf5eyy.info

60M NEWS

*** The "W8GEX & 60m News"** reports that Petr, OK1RP, has obtained authori- zation, again, to operate on 60 meters through December 31, 2014. Nine other Czech Republic amateur radio operators have also received permits to use 5 MHz. Authorized frequencies are: 5288.5, 5330.5, 5366.5, 5371.5, 5398.5 and 5403.5 KHz. They can operate on SSB and CW running 100 watts ERP. See Petr's Blog at:

http://60mband.blogspot.cz/2014/01/hello-all-first-of-all-i-would-like-to.html

*** Efective January 2014,** Canadian Amateur operators are permitted to operate on five frequency channels in the 60 meter band. Industry Canada has granted Amateur Radio operators the use of five 60 meter channels on a non-interference basis. The center-channel frequencies harmonize with those available to U.S. radio amateurs on 60 meters: 5332 kHz, 5348 kHz, 5358.5 kHz, 5373 kHz, and 5405 kHz. Amateur stations will be restricted to USB, data, RTTY and CW modes, with a maximum bandwidth of 2.8 kHz, and a maximum power output of 100w ERP — the same the US allows. The Industry Canada 5 MHz Decision document can be found at:

http://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/smt-gst.nsf/eng/sf10623.html

8Q, MALDIVES

Tatsu "Ted", JF1CCH, will be active as 8Q7TS from Hulhumale Island between March 20-31st. Activity will be on 40-10 meters, possibly 160/80m, using CW, SSB and RTTY. Operations will also include the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (March 29-30th). QSL via his home callsign.

AX, AUSTRALIA (Special Event)

Jim, VK3PC, reports [edited],

> "Australia Day is January 26th, and all radio amateurs in Australia may use the AX callsign prefix on that day, instead of VK. Australia Day marks the First Fleet's arrival in 1788 at Sydney Cove, the establishment of a settlement at Port Jackson, and the raising of the British flag by Admiral and Governor-designate Arthur Phillip. Under a standing agreement between the Australian Communications and Media Authority and the Wireless Institute of Australia, use of the AX prefix is also available on Anzac Day, April 25th, and on World Telecommunication and Information Society Day, May 17th."

C4, CYPRUS

Operators Stavros/5B4AFM, Spyros/5B4MF and Philip/5B4ZN will be active as C4A during the CQ 160m CW Contest (January 24-26th) as a Multi-Op entry. QSL via 5B4KH.

CARIBBEAN ACTIVITY (Update)

Operators John/KB8RJ and XYL Christina/WD8KUR will be activating two islands (possibly three) starting next month. Activity will be holiday style on the 40-10 meters, with emphasis on 17/15/12 meters, using SSB only. Antennas are a Buddi-Pole and dipoles. Their tentative schedule is as follows:

> **February 24th-March 3rd** - Signing as FS/homecall from French St. Martin Island (NA-105, WLOTA 0711). PLEASE NOTE: John informs OPDX that they will also try operating from the Dutch side
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> as (PJ7/home call) as time permits that week. QSL via KB8RJ. **March 4-10th** - Signing as PJ6/homecall from Saba (NA-145, WFF PAFF-027, WLOTA 2043). QSL via KB8RJ.

D8, ANTARCTICA

Lee, DS4NMJ, and a scientific team are expected to leave on January 25th, for the new Jang Bogo Korean research station currently under construction at Terra Nova Bay, Northern Victoria Land, Antarctica. The base will be in the Ross Dependency and near the Italian Zucchelli Station and is scheduled to open February 12th. The team, aboard the ice breaker Araon, is planning to be at Jang Bogo by early February. Look for activity by Lee as D8A sometime in mid-February. Lee informs OPDX that he will be at Jang Bogo until January 31st, 2015. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using mostly CW with some SSB and RTTY as well. QSL via HL2FDW.

DK40, GERMANY (Special Event)

Look for special event station DK40BOSCH to be on the air until December 31st. Activity is to celebrate 40 years of Ham Radio activity within the Bosch group. QSL via LoTW, by the Bureau or direct (see **QRZ.com**).

DXCC NEWS

Bill Moore, NC1L, ARRL Awards Branch Manager, reports that the following operations are approved for DXCC credit:

> **T6EU - Afghanistan;** Current operation through May 3, 2014.
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> **TT8ES - Chad;** This operation was previously approved for 2012 and 2013 and the license has been extended through February 28, 2014.

DXER'S TOOL

It is suggested that DXers take a look at the Web page

http://www.dxheat.com/

DXHeat offers versatile filtering of incoming Real-time Web DX-Cluster DX Spots. With its built in push algorithms, it displays DX spots in an instant while being optimized for low bandwidth at the same time. Rich graphical tools and HTML5 Audio & WebSDR Technology make

it indispensable for serious DXers. It also has over 25 million DX spots listed/searchable in its database. DXHeat also provides a visual tool to check the current band activity into all continents at a glance and a WebSDR to listen to any spot listed on your browser (No additional software or plugins needed). EDITOR'S NOTE: This site seems to work better in Google Chrome and an older version of JAVA (see details on the Web page).

EA8, CANARY ISLANDS

Alex, RA1A, will be active as EA8/RA1A from the Canary Islands during the CQ 160m CW Contest (January 24-26th) as a Single-Op/High-Power entry. QSL via the Bureau or eQSL.

FR/T, TROMELIN (Update)

On January 22nd, the Tromelin Team has announced on their Web page

http://www.tromelin2014.com

with regret that Eric, F5SIH, will not be going to Tromelin with them. However, he will continue to participate with the group's preparation for their operation. Vincent, F4BKV, who was in charge of a part of the organization, has joined the list of radio operators. Vincent has participated in numerous DXpeditions (VP6T, HP0INT, TX6T, or E51BKV or MS0INT) and many IOTAs.

FT5Z, AMSTERDAM ISLAND

As this was being typed, the FT5ZM team has arrived at Amsterdam Island (early Friday). Once the team is ashore, they will have 18 days to set up, conduct the DXpedition, and tear down for departure. Activity will be on all bands, 160-10 meters and all modes. QSL via N2OO. The FT5ZM QSL processing order is as follows:

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a.OQRS DIRECT (via ClubLog)          c.OQRS bureau (via ClubLog)
b.DIRECT MAIL                        d.Regular incoming BUREAU
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For more details, see their Web page at: http://www.amsterdamdx.org Also, watch their media links at:

Facebook - https://www.facebook.com/FT5ZM
Twitter - https://twitter.com/FT5ZM

IOTA NEWS

OC-236. Din, YB8RW, and possibly others will be active as YB8RW/P from **Lembeh Island** (LH 2516) between January 29th and February 1st. Activity will be on the on HF bands. QSL via YB9BU (SAE+ IRCs only. No Green Stamp!).

OC-273. Operators Budi/YF1AR and Fan/YB0AI will be active as homecall/8 from **Gorong and Watubela Islands** between January 25th and February 3rd. Activity will be on 40-10 meters using mainly SSB, as well as CW and the Digital modes. QSL YF1AR/8 via N2OO. QSL YB0AI/8 via YB0IA (see **QRZ.com**). For more details, see:

http://www.yf1ar.com/2014/01/oc-273-gorong-and-watubela-islands-new.html

SA-052. Pablo, OA4AI, has posted on QRZ.com that an IOTA DXpedition to **Isla San Lorenzo** (ARLHS PER-006) as OC0I will take place sometime in 2014. This Peruvian island is in the Lima Depart- ment IOTA Group. More details will be forthcoming.

ISWL CALLSIGNS (For February)

The following ISWL club callsigns will be used throughout the month of February 2014:

> **GC4BJC/A** - Operated from Llandegfan, in Anglesey, by Dave, GW3XRM. (/A WAB Square SH57 - Wales, IOTA **EU-124**)
> MS1SWL/A - Operated from Newton Stewart, in Galloway, by Ian, GM8AVM. (/A WAB Square NX35 - Scotland, IOTA **EU-005**)

ALL QSLs will be handled by Herbie, G6XOU, and NOT the individual operator. The I.S.W.L. is a member of the European PSK Club. All QSL info is on

www.iswl.org.uk or QRZ.comwww.qrz.com or via www.eQSL.cc

. **NO LoTW**. I.S.W.L. Awards are available to all Hams and SWLs, see **www.iswl.org.uk** for full details. The eQSL.cc cards ARE welcomed for their awards.

KP2/NP2, U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS

Operators Ed/K1ZE, Bob/W1EQ and Jay/W1UJ will once again be active as KP2/homecall from the rental Mountain Breeze Villa on St. Croix

http://www.MyMountainBreeze.com

between February 10-17th. Activity will be on all HF bands using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via their home callsigns. Also, look for them in the ARRL DX CW Contest (March 15-16th) as a Multi-Op signing as NP2N. QSL via NP2N, direct (USA address) or by the KP2 Bureau.

LI/LJ/LM1814, NORWAY (Special Norwegian Prefixes)

Tom, LA4LN, informs OPDX:

> "During all of the year 2014, Norwegian LA stations may use the LI (Lima India) prefix, and LB stations may use the LJ (Lima Juliett) prefix, as part of the celebration of 200 years since the Norwegian Constitution which was approved on 17 May 1814. QSL will be via the respective LA and LB permanent calls. The special prefixes may only be used from the Norwegian mainland. There will also be a special station active with the callsign: LM1814 (QSL via LA2G). The Norwegian Radio Relay League (NRRL) plans to offer a special award for contacts with the jubilee stations with LI and LJ prefixes plus the special station LM1814. Stay tuned!"

LX, LUXEMBOURG

Ron, DL3BPC, will be active as LX7I during the CQ 160m CW Contest (January 24-26th) as a Single-Op/High-Power entry. QSL via LX2A. Logs will be put on the LoTW.

NP4, PUERTO RICO

Alfredo (Al), WP3C, will be active as NP4A during the CQ 160m CW Contest (January 24-26th) as a Single-Op/High-Power entry. QSL via W3HNK.

P4, ARUBA

Howard, WA2NHA, will once again be active as P4/WA2NHA from Aruba (SA-036) between March 2-17th. Activity will be on 80-10 meters mainly CW. QSL via his home callsign.

PA530, THE NETHERLANDS (Special Event)

Look for special event station PA530ROT to be aired between January 31st and February 28th. Activity will be on all bands on CW, SSB and RTTY. Every year members of the WFS foundation are hiking non-stop in a 100 hours relay race from Paris (France) to Rotterdam (Netherlands). A distance of 530 kilometers. Read more on

www.paasw.nl (home-site of the Gatti-Hallicrafters Expedition of 1948)
. QSL via PA0ABM.

PA400, THE NETHERLANDS (Special Event)

Fred, PA0FAW (ISWL PA-11092), will be using the special callsign PA400SM to promote 400 years of friendship between The Netherlands and Sweden between February 8th and March 7th. As usual, most operating will be CW, with some digital modes and some SSB when he has a suitable QTH available. Some QSOs may be from WFF-PA-005. QSL via PA0FAW (see QRZ.com). SWL-reports welcome, no postage required.

PJ4, BONAIRE (SA-006)

Stan, WS5K, will be active as PJ4F from Kralendijk between February 7th and March 9th. Activity will probably be on the HF bands, but bands/modes were not provided. QSL via LoTW or direct to WS5K.

PJ4, BONAIRE (SA-006)

Operators Martin/W1MD and possibly others (from the FCG and YCCC) will be active as PJ4X during the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 15-16th) as a Multi-2 entry. QSL PJ4X via LoTW or direct to W1MD. Look for operators to be active outside of the contest with their own individual callsigns (homecall/PJ4). QSL via their home callsign.

PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (January 27th-February 2nd)

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Jan/27th AN      Jan/30th  AN      Feb/01st  AN
Jan/28th HN      Jan/31st  AN      Feb/02nd  AN
Jan/29th HN
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SOLAR REFERENCE KEYS/INDEXES AND GEOMAGNETIC REFERENCE
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 NORMALITY                GEOMAG       K Values    Alpha
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AN  - Above Normal        Quiet        K=0-1       0-7
HN  - High Normal         Unsettled    K=2         8-15
LN  - Low Normal          Active       K=3         16-29
BN  - Below Normal        Minor Storm  K=4         30-49
DIS - Disturbed           Major Storm  K=5         50-99
VRY DIS - Very Disturbed  Severe Storm K=6-9       100-400
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QSL INFO AND NEWS

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QSL-INFO from DB0SDX (January 24th)
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4L8A via K1BV            FJ/N9SW via N9SW            PY0F/PP1CZ via PP1CZ
7X5KBS via EA7FTR        HC7/AL4Q via DJ8QP          RU22TU via R8TT
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9K60KCG via 9K2RX        HI8/KB1KKE via KB1KKE      SE2014ECC via SK2AT
A61AS via YO3FRI         II8FC via IZ8FRH           TG9ADV via TG9AHM
AU5SV via VU2SMN         KH6/VE7AHA via VE7AHA      TO8UFT via F6ICG
DL/G8OFQ via G8OFQ       OF40R via OH8DR            V44KAI via W5TFW (d/L)
DR175LDE via DL5MM       OG3I via OH3I (L/e)        VK4/OH2BAD via OH2BAD
EA1/SO1CJ via EA1AP      OG9W via OH2BCI            VP2MTK via SP3IPB
EG7CRG via EA7URS        P29NO via EA5GL            XV2E via JH5RXS
FG4KH via F1DUZ          PJ7/DL7VHS via DL7VHS
  (e) eQSL only  (d) direct only   (B) Bureau only  (L) LoTW only
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7O2A QSLS STATUS. It was reported that 7O2A QSLs for the October 2013 operation should be sent out at the end of the month....

JUST A REMINDER. As of January 26th, the **USPS will be selling a "FOREVER STAMP"** first class, one-price, global postage stamp, along with the new increases in other new postage rates. The new international stamp can be used to send a letter (weight? Canada to remain at 2oz) to any country in the world affiliated with the U.N. postal agreements and rules. The price is $1.15 per stamp!

XT26DJ & XT2FCJ QSL STATUS. QSL Manager David, OK6DJ, reports [edited], "All direct QSLs for XT26DJ & XT2FCJ were sent out on 21st Jan. Other direct QSLs will be sent out in one week. LoTW & eQSL will be uploaded on 30 May 2014. OQRS Bureau QSLs will start - April or May."

ZL1AMO QSLS. Mark, ND8X, reports that the XYL (Jeanette) of the late Ron, ZL1AMO, is still QSLing QSOs for Ron's ZK1CQ North Cook operation in the late 70's. Mark states, "She replied by mail that she had the logs, and if I sent a QSL she would confirm...3 weeks later I got the card!"

QSL RECEIVED VIA LoTW: 9K2/SP4R, 9U4U, DJ4MM, DL1EZ, F6IRG, G0ORH, GM0AXY, J87GU, JA1UII, JE1LFX, JR4OZR, JR6GIM, HK3W, KG4SS, KH2/N2NL, MJ0ASP, OH2LRP, OK1WCF, OZ4RT, PA1BR, RA3RGQ, RN6HDL, SP2GCJ, SP5CJQ, SU1HZ, SV8IIR, VA7KO, YF1AR/0, Z36W and ZS8C

QSLS RECEIVED VIA MAIL: 5A1AL, 5B4/R3CC, 9V1YC, C6AZZ, C82DX, CY0P, FR/DJ7RJ, J88HL, JG8NQJ/JD1, OA4/K6ZH, P3N, PJ5/K6NAO, S21ZBC T33A, TX5K, V31AC, VK9/OH1VR, VU2XO, YB9Y, Z68BH, Z81R, Z81Z, ZA/IZ4JMA, ZB2FK and ZP6CW

QSLS RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: 5D7AT, 9J2JA, 9M2TO, 9U7T, AH0BT, D44TIB, HK0/DL5YWM, TO3X, V5/DK1CE, XV9NPS, Z60WW and ZD8O

TA3, TURKEY

Yasar, TA3D, from Izmir will be active during the CQ 160m CW Contest (January 24-26th) as a Single-Op/Low-Power entry. QSL via his home callsign.

TO7, REUNION ISLAND (Update)

The KOP Team is happy to announce that the TO7CC Web page

http://www.to7cc.com

is now online (after weeks and hours of hard work) as of January 23rd. The team can present the long awaited information about their new adventure to Reunion Island. They plan to keep improving and feed their site with new posts on a regular basis, so keep tuned.... So, just as a reminder, you can find all the information on their DXpedition on the following media pages:

Web site - http://www.to7cc.com
Facebook - https://www.facebook.com/TO7CC
Twitter - https://twitter.com/@to7cc

UA2, KALININGRAD

Dmitri, UA2FB, will be active as UA2K (ex-UA2KK) from the Keeper Telecom LTD Club Station during the CQ 160m CW Contest (January 24-26th) as a Single-Op/High-Power entry. QSL via direct to: Ulrich Mueller, 13 Kreutzacker Str, D-35041 Marburg, Germany. No German stamps please! All cards are replied from Russia. No IBRS please! Bureau QSLs go to the UA2 QSL Bureau.

UE80, RUSSIA (Special Event)

Look for special event station UE80HS to be active between March 1-31st. Activity is to honor and celebrate the 80th anniversary of the first astronaut Yuri Gagarin. QSL via RW6HS.

V4, ST. KITTS (Update)

Operators Tony/N3ME and Bernie/W3UR were expected to be active from Calypso, **St. Kitts (NA-104)**, starting January 21st, but late Tuesday night Bernie reported:

> "Upon our arrival to Miami Airport my dad Tony (N3ME/V47AJ) had a stroke and had to be taken to the hospital. We then spent the rest of the day at the hospital and making arrangements. He is currently in an ICU in stable condition. So for the moment we are in a holding pattern with our trip to St. Kitts and will be staying in Miami for the time being."

OPDX and its readers wish Tony a complete and fast recovery.
LAST MINUTE UPDATE. On Thursday, Bernie reported, "The doctors here in Miami discovered a tumor with an edema around the tumor on my father Tony (N3ME). So we will be flying home Friday."

V4, ST. KITTS

John, W5JON/V47JA, informs OPDX that he will be active once again from his vacation home in Calypso Bay, **St. Kitts (NA-104**, WW Loc. FK87SG) between February 19th and March 25th. Activity will be on 160-6 meters (incl. 60m) using SSB. He will also be active during the ARRL International DX SSB Contest (March 1-2nd) as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. Equipment is a Kenwood TS-590S and Elecraft KPA500 Amplifier. Antennas include: a 80-10m Multi-band Dipole, and metal roof mounted S9, 18' and 31' Verticals and 3 element Yagi for 6m. Also, XYL Cathy, W5HAM, will occasionally operate as V47HAM. ALL QSLs go to W5JON direct or via LoTW. NO Bureau QSLs.

V650, MICRONESIA

Haru, JA1XGI, plans to celebrate his 50th anniversary in amateur radio by using the special callsign V650XG in 2014 from the following islands of Micronesia:

Kosrae Island (OC-059) - Sometime in mid-June
Chuuk Islands (OC-011) - First week in December
Possibly other islands

Activity is ususally on 160-10 meters, including the 30/17/12m, using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the Bureau. An OQRS will be available on ClubLog. For more details and updates, visit his Web page or Blog at:

http://island.geocities.jp/v63xg/index.htm
http://ja1xgidxvacation.blogspot.com

VISALIA INTERNATIONAL DX CONVENTION NEWS

The 19th annual Islands On The Air (IOTA) Dinner will be held in conjunction with the 65th annual Visalia International DX Convention on Friday, April 4th, in the Charter Oak Room at the Visalia/Marriott Conference Center, Downtown Visalia, 303 East Acequia, Visalia, CA. See Convention Web site for details on the DX Convention -

http://dxconvention.org/

This dinner is open to all who are active in the IOTA program or want to see beautiful pictures of far away islands. If you do not wish dinner, you may sit and enjoy the IOTA program following the dinner. The program agenda is as follows:

1730-1830 Doors open, socializing and eyeball QSOs
1830 - Welcoming & Introductions by Rick, K6VVA Dinner served, buffet style
1845 - IOTA Programs/Speakers. As of Jan. 22nd: K6VVA, NA050/ NA152; K9AJ, OC285; AB5EB & XE2K/AD6D, NA119. Others TBD
2200 - Closing

The dinner will be served buffet style in the Charter Oak at a cost of 35 USDs per person (service charge and tax included). The buffet menu will contain entrée choice of sliced Tri-tip or Chicken Grantinee (not both) along with salad, vegetables, dinner rolls, dessert, and a beverage - coffee, ice tea or ice water. Vegetarian meal is available. Beer, wine and liquor can be purchased separately from the Happy Hour Bar just prior, or at the Marriott Hotel bar.

Reservations and advanced payment is required. Prepayment must be received 10 days prior (March 23, 2014) to the Dinner. Please send your check/payment to N6VR's (Ray Benny) address below. I will confirm receipt by email. At this time, buffet service is set for 60 persons. And, as with previous IOTA dinners, admission is free for those wishing to watch the presentations without dinner. Paid attendees will have priority seating. For additional information regarding this event, please contact Ray or Will at:

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As a note, the Marriott Hotel has no rooms available. Check the SCDXC Website for other motels. You may ask the NCDXC Convention coordinators if they have any rooms reserved for foreign guests if you reside outside of the USA.

VK9L, LORD HOWE ISLAND

The Lagunaria DX Group is proud to announce their DXpedition to Lord Howe Island in October 2014 (tentative October 12-29th). The team has a great line-up of fine operators with many decades of DX- pedition experience. Operators mentioned are Jorg/DF6JC, Mathias/DJ2HD, Gerhard/DJ5IW, Markus/DJ7EO, Heye/DJ9RR, Christian/DL1MGB, Dietmar/DL3DXX, Andreas/DL5CW, Thomas/DL5LYM, Felix/DL5XL, Bernd/DL6FBL, Dieter/DL8OH, Jörg/DL8WPX, Robert/SP5XVY and Bernd/VK2IA. They plan to have up to eight fully equipped HF stations on the air for about 17 days. No callsign was announced. They are looking for sponsors.

QSL route will be announced soon. As Lord Howe is known for being not too big of an island, a lodge with access to nearly five acres of free area for erecting many antennas was booked. Lord Howe is also known for having strict baggage limitation on the regular flights. So most of the equipment will be transported by ship. Feel free to visit the DXpedition Web site at:

http://www.lordhowe2014.org

Also, subscribe to their newsletter to stay informed. No idea who the Lagunaria DX Group is? Just visit their Web page and learn more about the group, the people behind it and their goals at:

http://www.lagunaria-dx-group.org

VP2V, BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS (Update)

A team of Polish operators will be active as VP2V/homecall from Anegada Island (NA-023, also a NEW WFF area - Anegada Bird Sanctuary, Flamingo Pond) between March 19th and April 1st. Operators mentioned are Bogdan/SP2FUD, Kazik/SP6AXW, Leszek/ SP6CIK, Janusz/SP9FIH and Robert/SP9WZS. Activity will be on 160-6 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. Suggested frequencies are:

> **CW** - 1823, 3523, 7023, 10115, 14023, 18073, 21023, 24903 and 28023 kHz
> **SSB** - 1844, 3797, 7180, 14180, 18140, 21280, 24980 and 28480 kHz
> **RTTY** - 1835, 3580, 7035, 10140, 14080, 18100, 21080, 24920 and 28080 kHz
> **6m** - 50103/CW and 50120/SSB

QSL via their home callsigns. A Web page is up and running with a needs (bands/modes) survey available at:

http://www.vp2v.dxpeditions.org

The VP2V team has an interesting statement on their Web page which states,

> -- We believe that it is more important to give a new country to "small pistol" than to give an 8th band QSO to a "big gun" station. By doing this, we hope to fulfill the demand for a "new one", especially from stations located in Japan and the rest of the Far East.

YW0, AVES ISLAND (Update to OPDX.1117/OPDX.1122)

The 4M5DX Group has announced this past week that the YW0A operation will take place some- time in April for 10 days. On January 20th, Rafael/YV5RED and Rodrigo Lazo (a research scientist) met with the Directorate of Hydrography and Navigation of the Navy of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela (DHN - ARBV) authorities in order to coordinate YW0A final schedule. They were told some majors upgrades and maintenance work will be done first on the Simon Bolivar Base on Aves Island during February and March. Specific days are

suppose to be known sometime this week. It is suggested to watch the following media Web pages for updates at:

DXpedition's Web page - http://www.avesisland.info
4M5DX Group's Facebook page - https://www.facebook.com/4M5DX
4M5DX Group's Twitter page - https://twitter.com/4m5dxgroup

ZD8, ASCENSION ISLAND

Werner, DJ9KH, informs OPDX that he will once again be active as ZD8D from Ascension Island (AF-003) between February 24th and March 11th, for a more or less holiday-style-expedition. He states,

> "This expedition will start in Cape Town, South Africa, on board the RMS St. Helena. After a two days stop on St. Helena, where I hope to be QRV with a ZD7-callsign (Feb. 19th to Feb. 21st), we (me and my wife) will arrive on Ascension Island Feb.24th. Activity will then start as soon as possible with a special focus on 160-40 meters.

Werner mentions,

> "After having a lot of fun with CW on my 2013 A35WH expedition, CW will be the preferred mode. We are also prepared for 60m and 6m."

He will also be in the ARRL DX SSB Contest (March 1-2nd) as a Single-Op/Single-Band (possibly 10m). QSL via DL9HO. During the second week, they will have a second operator join him. Axel, DK9BDN, will visit them and help them, especially on CW. DK1IP will be the pilot station for Werner in Germany. The ZD8D Web page

http://www.zd8d.de

will be updated soon with all the information. You can use the ZD8D Online QSL Request System to get your ZD8D card(s). The OQRS is available for direct and Bureau cards.

The following stations are expected to be active in the CQ 160m CW Contest (January 24-26th, 2014)

Thanks to Bill, NG3K, for providing OPDX readers with the following consolidated listing of the participants in the 2014 CQ 160m CW Contest. For a more detailed listing (and up-to-date changes/corrections) in HTML format, please visit Bill's Web page at:

http://ng3k.com/Misc/cq160c2014.html (By call sign)
http://www.ng3k.com/Misc/cq160cd2014.html (By entity)

Contest Callsign	CQ Entity	Class	QSL Route
3V8BB	Tunisia	SO	LoTW; QSL via LX1NO (B/d) or 3V8BB (d)
8Q7BM	Maldives		M0URX OQRS
C4A	Cyprus	MO	5B4KH
EA8/RA1A	Canary Islands	SO HP	(B/e)
LX7I	Luxembourg	SO HP	LX2A

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LY7A              Lithuania  MO       LoTW
NP4A             Puerto Rico SO HP    W3HNK
PT7BXB            Brazil     SO HP    PY2XB (d/L)
PY0F/PP1CZ Fernando de Noronha        PP1CZ
RD8D           Russia (Asia) MO       RX9CAZ
TA3D              Turkey     SO LP    TA3D
UA2K             Kaliningrad SO HP    UA2K
UU7J              Ukraine    MO       LoTW
V6A               Micronesia SO HP    JA7HMZ (d)
VK3EGN            Australia  SO HP    VK3EGN
YL4U              Latvia     MO       YL2GN
ZF???         Cayman Islands MO
  (d) direct only   (B) Bureau only  (L) LoTW only  (e) eQSL  (C) ClubLog
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http://www.papays.com/opdx.html

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